

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant(s):** Henry Marshall Israel et al

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

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Sir or Madam:

In response to the Final Official Action dated November 16, 2007 for the above-referenced application, applicants hereby submit this response. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

**Replacement Sheet** is attached.